

REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment, claims 1-30 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 6, 23, 26, and 28 have been amended. Claims 15-19 have been canceled. No claims have been added. Hence, after entry of this amendment, claims 1-14 and 20-30 will stand pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the suggested claim amendments provided in the Office Action. The claims have been amended based on the suggestions. Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims are now in condition of allowance.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-11, 18-24 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,108,540 to Sonti et al. ("Sonti") in view of US Patent No. 6,295,291 to Larkins ("Larkins") and US Patent No. 6,067,456 to Duran ("Duran"). Claims 3 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonti, Larkins and Duran and further in view of US Patent No. 6,393,271 to Dougherty ("Dougherty"). Claims 12-14 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonti, Larkins and Duran and further in view of US Patent No. 5,958,016 to Chang et al. ("Chang"). Claims 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonti, Larkins and Duran and further in view of US Patent No. 5,913,165 to Foti ("Foti"). Claims 26-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonti in view of Larkins, Duran and US Patent No. 6,088,796 to Cianfrocca et al. ("Cianfrocca").

All pending claims stand rejected under § 103 as unpatentable over the combination of Sonti, Larkins and Durin, along with, in some cases, other references. Applicants respectfully traverse as the cited references fail to teach or suggest the recitations of the claims as amended.

Claim 1, as amended, recites in response to a received update at a database, generating a request to a Service Location Register to send a profile update for the subscriber to a Switching Center. In response to the request and without receiving a request for the subscriber's profile from any Switching Center, a qualification directive is sent to the Switching Center. The qualification directive includes an update to the subscriber profile and the update to the subscriber profile includes at least one feature set to which the subscriber has subscribed. Applicants respectfully submit that these recitations are not taught or suggested by any of the cited references.

Sonti teaches that a subscriber can dial a profile service number (PSN) to request a profile change. Sonti, col. 8, ll. 25-32. The base station passes the dialed digits to the mobile switching center which then sends a "FEATREQ" message to the Home Location Register. Id., col. 8, ll. 35-44. The Home Location Register then sends the profile update to the Switching Center. Id., col. 8, ll. 57-60. Thus, in contrast to claim 1, Sonti does not teach or suggest sending a qualification directive to the Switching Center without receiving a request from any Switching Center.

Larkins also fails to teach or suggest these recitations of claim 1. In particular, Larkins teaches processes and systems to enable a radiotelephone subscriber to set up services with a service provider. Larkins, col. 2, ll. 8-11. The radiotelephone, programmed by the subscriber, transmits a temporary directory number to the mobile switching center. Id., col. 4, ll. 46-50. The MSC then accesses an over-the-air activation center to obtain the subscriber profile. Id., col. 4, ll. 51-66, which then sends the profile. As the MSC makes a request for the subscriber profile, Larkins fails to teach or suggest the recitation of claim 1 of "without any prompting from any switching center" sending an update to the subscriber profile.

Duran is directed towards a system and method for temporarily relocating a subscriber to a new location, such as another telephone. Abstract, ll. 1-2. Unlike claim 1, Duran does not make any mention of updating a subscriber profile. Hence, Duran also does not teach or suggest sending a profile update in response to a request generated in response to an update regarding a change in a subscriber profile, without any prompting by a Switching Center.

The remaining references also fail to teach or suggest the recitations of claim 1 discussed above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that that claim 1 is allowable. Claims 5, 6, 23, 26, and 28 contain recitations similar to those discussed above with reference to claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons. The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly on one of claims 1, 5, 6, 23, 26, and 28 and are accordingly believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons, as well as for the additional recitations which they set forth.

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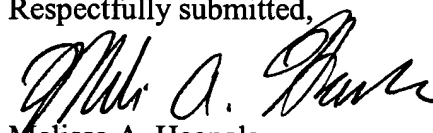
If there remains any issues of allowance with this application, the Applicants earnestly request the Examiner telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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